

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL**Minutes****May 4, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Edgefield County Council was held at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

Members present

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman
Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman
Norman Dorn, Councilman
Joel D. Hudson, Councilman
B. Everette Kitchens, Councilman

Others present

Wayne Adams, County Administrator
John Byrd, County Attorney
Barbara Stark, Clerk to Council

Chairman Kneece called the meeting to order and Councilman Hudson gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Kitchens, to approve the April 6, 2004, Edgefield County Council Minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

No discussion on any of the reports except report number 3, request from the Town of Johnston concerning County Election Commission handling and holding all future town elections. The Election Commission and Voter Registration Board voted unanimously to deny the request of the Town of Johnston to run their own municipal election, but will continue to assist with the poll books, as an absentee precinct issues and phone requests for voter verification the day of the election, as stated in correspondence from Carol J. Rhoads, Chairman of the Election Commission. The Council was in agreement with of this decision.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held at this time for the purpose of receiving written and/or oral comments on Ordinance No. 03-04-445, "An Ordinance Providing for the FY 04-05 Edgefield County General Operating Budget." There being no comments from the public on this ordinance the Chairman proceeded with the council meeting.

Ordinances

Motion was made by Councilman Kitchens, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 03-04-444, "An Ordinance Amending the Edgefield

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County Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Designation of Tax Map #144-00-00-021 from General Agricultural Development (GD) to Industrial Development (ID)." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 03-04-445, "An Ordinance Providing for the FY 04-05 Edgefield County General Operating Budget." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Hudson, to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 03-04-446, "An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Edgefield County, South Carolina." Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Motion was made by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Kitchens, to approve Resolution No. 03-04-267, "A Resolution to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Between the County and the South Carolina Association of Counties Relating to the South Carolina Association of Counties Being Authorized and Designated as the Claimant Agent for the County Pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act of 1988, as Amended." Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 03-04-268, "A Resolution Relating to the Declaration of Intent by Edgefield County, South Carolina, to Reimburse Certain Expenditures Prior to the Issuance by the County of its General Obligation Bonds" was explained by the Administrator. "This Resolution relates to the additional borrowing that we talked about at the budget work session concerning the jail. It allows us to go ahead and spend the money on the roof replacement and reimburse ourselves with the bond issue at a later date." Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Hudson, to approve Resolution No. 03-04-268. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Dr. Lex Walters, President of Piedmont Technical College addressed council concerning funding. He stated that "Piedmont Tech this year has the highest enrollment in the history of the college (5,000 students are enrolled). Since the fall of 2001 Edgefield has had 731 students enrolled. Having the availability of the local center has certainly made Piedmont Technical College more responsive to the needs of the citizens of the county, and because of the accessibility of the facilities here, there is excellent opportunity for the students to come in and take their initial courses here. Realizing that 4.69% of the total enrollment of Piedmont Tech is coming from Edgefield County the decision was made to ask Edgefield County for the same amount for FY 2004-05 as for FY 2003-04 (\$103,249). In addition to the request for operational part of the budget, Dr. Walters said they are asking each county to consider an additional request that will help maintain the facilities at each location. There are four items to be considered at the Edgefield location: Upgrade

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HVAC System (\$2,800); Upgrade Fire/Security/Surveillance Alarm System (\$12,000); Exterior paint (\$7,000) and some additional landscaping (\$1,500).” Chairman Kneece stated that for council to approve the second reading and have the finance committee to try for some adjustment for the third reading. Chairman Kneece made this as a motion and it was seconded by Councilman Hudson. Motion carried unanimously.

The next item for council’s consideration was the modification of a plat by William H. McKie III concerning drainage and utility easements through county owned property on Restmaster Lane. The plat details an existing detention pond. This property was deeded to the county by Tim Campbell, and before he deeded it, he forgot to get for himself an easement for utilities. Mr. Campbell is requesting a 15’ easement for drainage and utilities so he can run water to a parcel of land for a business to locate on Restmaster Lane. Mr. Campbell also donated to the county the road right-of-way that the county uses to the convenience center. Motion was made by Councilman Kneece, seconded by Councilman Hudson, to give an easement to Tim Campbell. Motion carried unanimously.

The August regular meeting of the County Council is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2004. Because of the South Carolina Association of Counties Summer Conference at that time, a motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Kitchens, to change the date of the meeting to Tuesday, August 17th. Motion carried unanimously. Several of the councilmen will leave on Tuesday.

The following bids for the janitorial contract and the pest control contract for eleven Edgefield County buildings for FY 04-05 were considered at this time. The Administrator informed Council that staff has examined the equipment and the letters of reference for the janitorial and pest control companies and find them able and qualified to fulfill the terms of the contracts. There is a probation period during which the contracts can be terminated.

(1)	KLN Cleaning Co.	\$ 56,984.96
(2)	Walker Janitorial	59,858.20
(3)	Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc.	61,200.00
(4)	Bi-Co Janitorial	102,555.44
(5)	Sizemore Total Contract	141,456.47

Motion was made by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Chairman Kneece, to approve the bid of \$56,984.96 from KLN Cleaning Co of Irmo, SC, for janitorial services for the FY 2004-05. Motion carried unanimously.

Pest Control Bids:

(1)	Barnes Ext.	\$ 3,110.00
(2)	Gregory Pest Control	3,660.00
(3)	Borden Pest Control	3,840.00
(4)	Horne’s Pest Control	3,960.00
(5)	Clegg’s Pest Control	4,140.00
(6)	Chem-Tech	4,740.00

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Motion was made by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Kitchens, to approve the bid of \$3,110.00 from Barnes Ext. for Pest Control services for the FY 2004-05. Motion carried unanimously.

No Old Business.

Councilman Bright addressed council concerning a shortfall of funds for Bettis Park. In order to complete the basketball courts, Mr. Bright asked council for funding of \$2,200 to asphalt the courts. Motion was made by Chairman Kneece, seconded by Councilman Dorn, to take \$2,200 from contingency have basketball courts asphalted at Bettis Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Dorn asked for a report on the \$10.00 vehicle fee. Mr. Adams stated there are some debt service payments left for this fiscal year. We borrowed against the proceeds for three years once it was enacted, and \$88,000 is budgeted in the coming fiscal year to finish paying off that note. June 30, 2004, is the last current year collection. Vehicle bills going out July 1 will not include a \$10.00 road maintenance fee.

Councilman Kitchens spoke concerning monies appropriated in the budget for recreation. Mr. Kitchens asked that since the lines have been re-drawn that Westside should be considered. Mr. Adams said that staff would look into this for third reading and report back to council. Piedmont Technical College and the Golden Harvest Food Bank will also be considered for third reading.

No Executive Session.

Claims approved as follows:

- A. PAYROLL: 3/29/04 thru 4/11/04
- Regular.....\$109,526.14
- PAYROLL: 4/12/04 thru 4/25/04
- Regular.....\$111,546.20
- B. General Operating.....\$610,284.25

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hudson. The next regular meeting of the Edgefield County Council will be held Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at 6:00 P. M.

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